

1-1 By: Riddle, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Davis) H.B. No. 1120
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 4, 2013;
1-3 April 8, 2013, read first time and referred to Committee on
1-4 Criminal Justice; May 17, 2013, reported favorably by the
1-5 following vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0; May 17, 2013, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-8	Whitmire	X		
1-9	Huffman	X		
1-10	Carona	X		
1-11	Hinojosa	X		
1-12	Patrick	X		
1-13	Rodriguez	X		
1-14	Schwertner	X		

1-15 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-16 AN ACT

1-17 relating to the duties of the Texas Crime Stoppers Council to
1-18 encourage individuals to report criminal activity related to
1-19 trafficking of persons.

1-20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-21 SECTION 1. Section 414.005, Government Code, is amended to
1-22 read as follows:

1-23 Sec. 414.005. DUTIES. The council shall:

1-24 (1) encourage, advise, and assist in the creation of
1-25 crime stoppers organizations;

1-26 (2) foster the detection of crime and encourage
1-27 persons to report information about criminal acts;

1-28 (3) encourage news and other media to broadcast
1-29 reenactments and to inform the public of the functions of crime
1-30 stoppers organizations' operations and programs;

1-31 (4) promote the process of crime stoppers
1-32 organizations to forward information about criminal acts to the
1-33 appropriate law enforcement agencies;

1-34 (5) help law enforcement agencies detect and combat
1-35 crime by increasing the flow of information to and between law
1-36 enforcement agencies;

1-37 (6) create specialized programs targeted at detecting
1-38 specific crimes or types of crimes, including at least one program
1-39 that:

1-40 (A) encourages individuals to report sex
1-41 offenders who have failed to register under Chapter 62, Code of
1-42 Criminal Procedure; ~~and~~

1-43 (B) encourages individuals to report criminal
1-44 activity relating to the trafficking of persons, as described under
1-45 Chapter 20A, Penal Code; and

1-46 (C) financially rewards each individual who
1-47 makes a report described by Paragraph (A) or (B) that leads or
1-48 substantially contributes to the arrest or apprehension:

1-49 (i) of a sex offender who has failed to
1-50 register under Chapter 62, Code of Criminal Procedure; or

1-51 (ii) of a person suspected of engaging in
1-52 conduct that constitutes an offense under Chapter 20A, Penal Code;
1-53 and

1-54 (7) encourage, advise, and assist crime stoppers
1-55 organizations in implementing any programs created under
1-56 Subdivision (6), including a program specifically described by
1-57 Subdivision (6).

1-58 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-59 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-60 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-61 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this

2-1 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

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